

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 4, 2021*



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Independence Day

As we celebrate the Independence of the United States today, I wish all of you a very happy Independence Day.

- ★ This is a day to thank God for the political and religious freedom we enjoy, and to pray for God's blessings on the rulers and the people of our country.
- ★ It is a day to remember with gratitude the founding fathers of our democratic republic, who believed that all power, including political power, came from God, and was given to the people who entrusted this power to their elected leaders.
- ★ It is a day to remember and pray for all our brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives to keep this country free and safe.
- ★ It is a day to remember the basic principle underlined in the constitution, that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."
- ★ It is a day to remind ourselves that we have a duty to protect these God-given rights by voting into power leaders who believe in God and who have character, integrity, experience and belief in absolute human rights.
- ★ It is a day to take a pledge to become recommitted to doing something about our own growth in Christ, and to living as Americans who contribute something to our religion, church and country and to the lives of others.
- ★ It is a day to offer our country and all its citizens on the altar of God, asking His special providential care, protection and blessings.

I wish you all once again a very Happy Independence Day. May God bless all of us!

**Readings for Sunday,  
July 11, 2021**  
Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13



### Saint of the Week ... St. Maria Goretti

Maria was born in Italy in 1890. As the daughter of a poor tenant farmer, she had no chance to go to school and never learned to read or write. On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by her simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her attacker, and her devout welcoming of her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly, until one night he dreamt of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to Maria grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she became the youngest saint to be canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the crowd in attendance and cried tears of joy.

St. Maria Goretti's feast day is celebrated on July 6, the date of her death. She is the patron saint of chastity, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)





In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
 with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
 as He died to make men holy  
 let us live to make men free,  
 while God is marching on!



### Serving the Lord With Gladness!



*(left)*  
 Ava and Jude Barrick, shown with Fr. Thomas, were altar servers last Saturday. They are the children of Brent and Meredythe Barrick, and the grandchildren of Howard and Karen Barrick and the late Ginny and Tim Newlin. Special thanks to Howard for serving with them!



*(right)*  
 Ava and Jude's cousin, Tucker Newlin, made his altar serving debut last Sunday. He is the son of Geoff and Ashlee Newlin and the late Ginny and Tim Newlin.

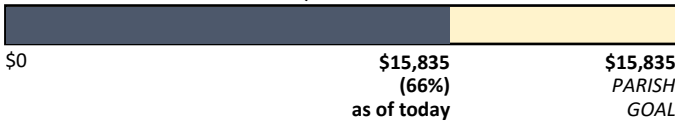
*Thank you Ava, Jude and Tucker for serving our Lord and parish in this way!*

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 3	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Marty Ryan.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 4	8:30 a.m.	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner .....	Assumption Parish
Monday, July 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 7	6:00 p.m.	Barrick and Adams families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, July 8	12 noon	Soul of Larry DeMasi .....	Dena Turner
Friday, July 9	9:00 a.m.	Martin, England and Bittinger families .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, July 10	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Donald Wagoner .....	Mary Wagoner
Sunday, July 11	8:30 a.m.	Rosie Landis' intentions.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Nancy Starcher's intentions .....	The Starcher Family



Assumption Parish



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*\*All dollars raised over 50% of goal come back to our parish!*

*Aim your camera at the flowcode.*

## Collections & Attendance June 26-27, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,875
Loose Donations .....	\$661
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,536</b>

### Attendance

Saturday 6/26 .....	63
Sunday 6/27 .....	77
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>140</b>

## CCD Teachers Needed

Our parish is in need of CCD teachers for two classes for the 2021-2022 school year: Pre-K/Kindergarten and Grades 3-4. There will be 8 students in each class. If you would like to share your faith with our children in this way, please contact the Parish Office.

## Poor Box Beneficiary

Donations received in the poor box during the months of July and August will benefit Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5.

## The Year of St. Joseph



*Most watchful guardian and loving father, pray for us.*

*Monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph's virtues and titles.*

**Theme for July:**

**Joseph, Most Faithful**

This month pray Pope Francis' Prayer to St. Joseph: *Hail, guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, July 10

Lector:	Kenny Brant
Altar Servers:	Celia Cole, James & Tess Maybury
Eucharistic Minister:	Sue Harber
Cantor:	Linda Marsh
Greeters:	Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, July 11

Lector:	Pam Williams
Altar Servers:	Pippa Dolechek, Abby & Libby Del Signore
Eucharistic Minister:	Rosie Landis
Cantor:	Nancy Starcher
Greeters:	Melissa Stanislawczyk and Tina Stephen

### Saturday, July 17

Lector:	Karen Yowler
Altar Servers:	Tess Maybury, Celia & Evelyn Cole
Eucharistic Minister:	Kathy Finnell
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, July 18

Lector:	Kelley Kuhn
Altar Servers:	Rosie Landis, Sommer & Micah Alt
Eucharistic Minister:	Nancy Starcher
Cantor:	Julie Alt
Greeters:	Doug & Jane Placka